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NPIC/PEG (1/83)12TH ARMORED BRIGADE ACTIVATED
TABUK BARRACKS SOUTHEAST, SAUDI ARABIA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: ACTIVATION OF THIS PAKISTANI-MANNED SAUDI BRIGADE IS EVIDENCE THAT PAKISTANI PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED WITH THE SAUDI ARABIAN ARMORED AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY.
2. (S/NF) REMARKS: INCREASED ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE BARRACKS AREA AND AT LEAST 22 OF THE VEHICLE PARKS. ELEVEN FRENCH AMX-30 MEDIUM TANKS, SEVEN FRENCH AMX-10 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, AND AT LEAST 20 SUPPORT VEHICLES ARE PRESENT (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC). AT LEAST 40 SEDANS AND SUPPORT TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE BARRACKS AREA. COLLATERAL REPORTS (JCS IR 6 884 0090 81, 14081672 MAY 81) INDICATE THAT CONTRACT PAKISTANI PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS SUPPORTING BOTH AIR AND GROUND FORCES. APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PAKISTANI PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING SAUDI GROUND FORCES BY MANNING ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNITS AND SUPPORT UNITS. APPROXIMATELY 5,000 ADDITIONAL PAKISTANI PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED TO MAN THE ARMORED BRIGADE WHICH IS BEING EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST FRENCH EQUIPMENT.

(SWN) TABUK BARRACKS SOUTHEAST IS APPROXIMATELY 45 NM SOUTH OF THE JORDAN-SAUDI ARABIA BORDER AND 100 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE ISRAELI BORDER.

3. COORDINATES 28-12-00N 036-41-09E

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